

that the bird was young but more careful observation confirmed that it was an adult. This indicates a sympathy towards a crippled member of the flock. However, a more plausible explanation could be that this bird lost its upper beak as a nestling and the pair that had fed it as a nestling continued to feed it considering its helplessness.

I shall be very much interested in any similar incident recorded.

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11. THE WAXWING, *BOMBYCILLA GARRULUS* (LINNAEUS), IN NEPAL

The Waxwing, *Bombycilla garrulus* (Linnaeus), has been reported in southern Asia from Quetta and Bannu in extreme western Pakistan (Ripley 1961 : 319). Recently I undertook a study trip with members of the Natural History Society of Woodstock School, Mussoorie, U.P. to the Gosainkund Lekh region north of Kathmandu. On the morning of 16 December 1967, Mr. Robert Waltner, Staff Advisor to the Society, reported seeing a solitary 'waxwing-like' bird near our camp at Thare Pate Puchari. Later the same day I found a flock of four waxwings perched in the top of a bare tree at c. 3660 m. (12,000 feet) elevation ; two were collected.

These birds were in association with Whitewinged Grosbeaks, *Mycerobas carnipes* (Hodgson), and Blackthroated Thrushes, *Turdus ruficollis* Pallas, in a mixed forest of *Juniperus*, *Rhododendron*, *Magnolia* and *Abies*. The only note heard was the familiar high 'zeeee zeeee' given when the birds were about to fly. The ventriculi of the two birds contained whole juniper berries (probably of *Juniperus recurva*, see Stainton, 1964 : Appendix E). Measurements of the specimens were : RLF 2131 : ♀, wing 116 mm.; RLF 2132 : ♀, wing 114 mm.

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